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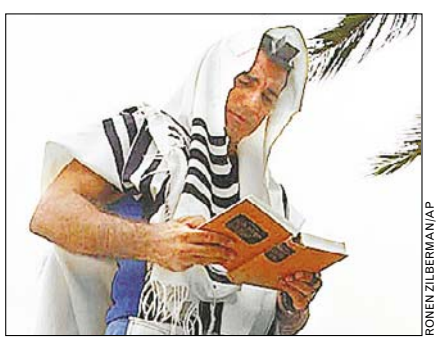

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Alon Maor prays before surfing in Honolulu.

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HIROSHIMA | VITAL SIGNS

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VIVID REMINDER: A girl adds to a monument to atomic bomb victims at Japan's Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. The 58th annual memorial for the 200,000 A-bomb victims occurs today.

Teens Give Parents High Marks

WASHINGTON | Meet the parents: role models, confidants, weekend buddies.

Not a bad list of labels, especially since it came from the kids.

Almost 75 percent of high school students say they get along very well or even extremely well with their parents or guardians, a new survey finds. Most of the rest call the relationship "just OK," and only 3 percent say they don't get along well.

Overall, teenagers have a lot more admiration than animosity for family members, "The State of Our Nation's Youth" says.

"Even though it's a time when I'm supposed to be going off on my own, I still like the fact that my parents are there to help," said Anya Edun of Pembroke Pines, Fla. The Horatio Alger Association, which provides college scholarships and mentoring to needy students, issued the annual report on youth attitudes Tuesday. The phone survey was given to 1,055 high schoolers. BEN FELLER (AP)

Episcopal Leaders OK Bishop

Decision on gay cleric challenges denomination

MINNEAPOLIS | The Episcopal Church voted Tuesday to approve the election of their first openly gay bishop, a decision that risks splitting their denomination and shattering ties with Anglican sister churches worldwide.

After a delay caused by an allegation that he inappropriately touched another man and was affiliated with a Web site linked to porn, the Episcopal General Convention approved the Rev. V. Gene Robinson as bishop of the Diocese of New Hampshire.

Robinson had been cleared of the accusations a few hours before the vote was taken.

AP

Robinson

Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold announced the council's 62-45 vote to confirm Robinson's election.

American conservatives and like-minded overseas bishops who represent millions of Anglicans have said confirming Robinson would force them to consider breaking away.

Under church rules, a majority of bishops, clergy and lay people had to ratify Robinson's election.

The Episcopal Church, with 2.3 million members, is the U.S. branch of the 77-million-member global Anglican Communion, which has been debating the role of gays for decades. Robinson's win was expected to build momentum for other policy changes favorable to homosexuals. (AP)

This Just In: *Jon Stewart* of "The Daily Show" brings you something funnier than fake news — a satirical take on the real news; *Mary J. Blige* is at peace and on the record; "The Real Roseanne" premieres. Also, "Reno, 911!" is a real panic, NBC announces 30-second movies, and *Mary-Chapin* comes home for a spell. ENTERTAINMENT | 11-12

EyeOpeners

COMMERCE

Give Me Groceries!

AP

It may have looked like the crowd at an unruly rock concert, but it was really just the opening of a Carrefour supermarket in the eastern Chinese city of Hangzhou. The France-based retail chain now has 40 stores in China, and similar shops are setting up as Western-style stores grow more popular. U.S.-based PriceSmart also has stores in China, and Wal-Mart opened its 22nd outlet in the country in Beijing last month. (EXPRESS)

MUSIC

Serenaded Swine

British farmer Raymond Collier says there's nothing like a symphony to lull a pig to sleep. But the classical music played to the farm's 20 pigs at night has struck up discord among his neighbors. They complained to the local citizens' council, but officials found the concertos were not loud enough to be considered a nuisance, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation reported. Collier says the music "might even make [the pigs] grow bigger." (EXPRESS)

WHO KNEW? The ancient Romans thought strawberries alleviated symptoms of melancholy, fainting, fevers, throat infections, kidney stones, bad breath and attacks of gout, as well as diseases of the blood, liver and spleen.

LEISURE

Au Naturel Nature Walk

Park rangers in Britain's Yorkshire Dales are on the lookout for at least one nude hiker who they say is on his way toward strutting the entire 250-mile Pennine Way trail. Police warned against nude hiking, if only to avoid the route's brambles and bracken. Several hikers have reported seeing the man, equipped with a large knapsack, boots and hat, London's The Guardian newspaper reported.

According to police, he's described as having an athletic build and an all-over tan. (EXPRESS)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Verizon's Dirty Talk

Customers who wanted to complain about a hike in some of Verizon's long distance rates were probably surprised by the sultry voice that answered the customer service line. Through a typographical error, Verizon's letter explaining the increase replaced the company's service number, which begins with a toll-free 1-800 prefix, with a 1-888 number instead — one that led callers to an adult chat line, the St. Petersburg Times reported. The mailing was sent last week about changes taking effect Sept. 1.

Verizon spokesman Bob Elek told the Times his company plans to send out apology notes to the letter's recipients "posthaste." (EXPRESS)

AP/THE ADVOCATE-MESSENGER

LANDSCAPE

Wish Here Were Here

Lexington's skyline isn't known for its scenic view from the Ohio River — mainly because the central Kentucky city is nowhere near it. Still, a Cracker Barrel restaurant in nearby Danville has been unwittingly selling postcards of Louisville's skyline but labeling it Lexington. The company that printed the postcards says it's issued a recall. (AP)

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In Brief

WASHINGTON

NTSB Rules Poor Track Upkeep Caused Train Crash

Poor track maintenance was to blame for the fatal crash of the Amtrak Auto Train in Florida last year, National Transportation Safety Board investigators said Tuesday. The Board said the track's owners, CSX Transportation, did not ensure the track was aligned and had adequate supports. The train derailed near Crescent City, Fla., around 5 p.m. on April 18, 2002. Four people were killed and 36 seriously injured. (AP)

LOS ANGELES

Priest Fathered 20-Year-Old Woman, Court Rules

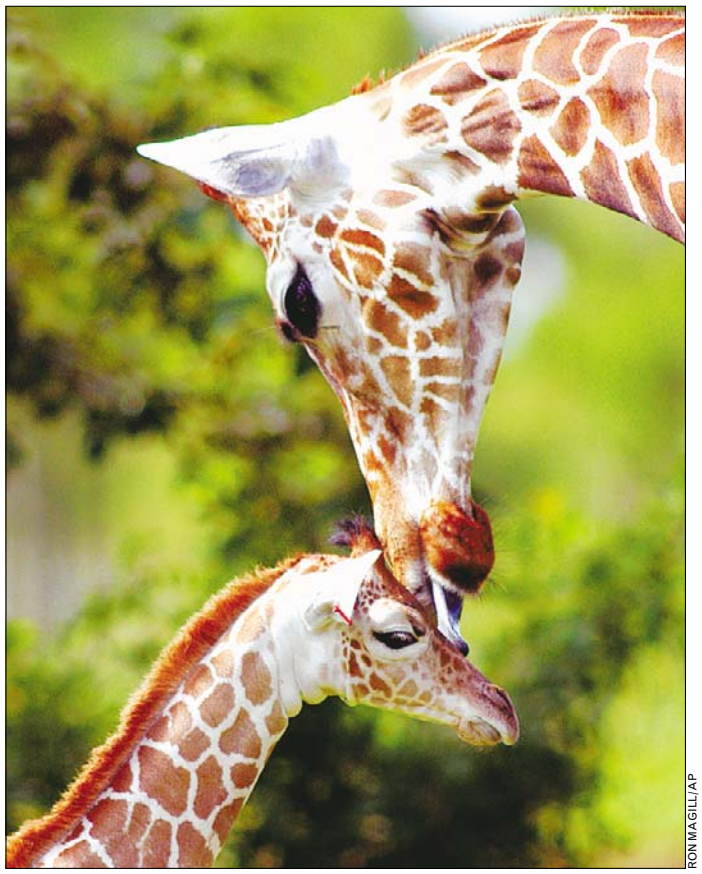
A state court found that a Roman Catholic priest fathered a woman, now 20, whose mother claimed she was sexually abused by the clergyman. Jacqueline Milla said her mother suspected that Valentine Tugade, was the dad but never had proof until a court-ordered paternity test. Tugade's attorney did not comment on the ruling, which was issued Thursday in Los Angeles Superior Court. (AP)

MIDDLETOWN, PA.

Man Cited For Poking 'Sesame Street' Character

A man annoyed with a theme-park worker dressed as Telly from "Sesame Street" shoved an umbrella into the worker's stomach and was cited for disorderly conduct. The 17-year-old "Sesame Place" complained of stomach pain and was taken to a hospital as a precaution. (AP)

AT THE ZOO | A MOTHER'S LOVE



RON MAGILL/AP

A WHOLE NEW WORLD: A newborn male giraffe is cleaned by his mother "Kita" at the Miami Metrozoo on Tuesday. Born last Saturday, the unnamed newborn weighs 150 pounds and stands about six feet tall.

State Wants to Forcibly Medicate Murder Suspect

KANSAS CITY, KAN. | A man accused of killing three people and eating the flesh of one of them may be forcibly medicated to make him competent to stand trial, a judge ruled Tuesday.

The case is among the first in the country under new standards set by a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on when a state can forcibly medicate a defendant.

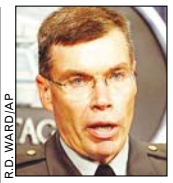
The ruling by Wyandotte County District Judge J. Dexter Burdette on Tuesday clears the way for Marc V. Sappington to stand trial on three counts of first-degree murder, possibly as early as mid-September. (AP)

Army Stumped on Pneumonia

Warns soldiers to use breathing masks, avoid dehydration

WASHINGTON | The Army is telling troops to take precautions as it tries to figure out the cause of pneumonia cases, including two deaths, among forces in the Afghan and Iraqi campaigns.

Officials are investigating the cause of some 100 cases of the illness counted since March, focusing on 15 cases so serious the patients had to be put on ventilators and flown to Europe, defense officials said at a Pentagon press conference Tuesday.



R.D. WARD/AP

Robert DeFraites

So far, officials have pretty much ruled out exposure to anthrax, smallpox or any other biological or chemical weapon; to Legionnaires' disease; or to SARS, severe acute respiratory syndrome, said Col. Robert DeFraites, chief of preventive medicine in the Army surgeon general's office.

Soldiers are being told to avoid becoming dehydrated in the intense heat and dust and protect themselves against breathing dust by wearing masks. PAULINE JELINEK (AP)

Air Security Warning Targets Electronics

WASHINGTON | CD players, cameras, laptops and other electronic devices will get greater scrutiny at airports after the government issued a warning Tuesday that terrorists may try to use such items to conceal weapons or bombs.

The Homeland Security Department sent an advisory to law enforcement personnel nationwide warning that al Qaeda could potentially use everyday electronic devices to carry out attacks.

"Recent reporting indicates al Qaeda may attempt to modify common electronic items carried by air travelers, such as cameras, for use as weapons in order to circumvent improved security screening," the advisory said.

The advisory also said terrorists could design such devices to be used against government buildings, public areas with controlled access and security checkpoints.

Davis Stempler, president of the Air Travelers Association, predicted inconveniences for travelers, including longer lines at security checkpoints. LESLIE MILLER (AP)

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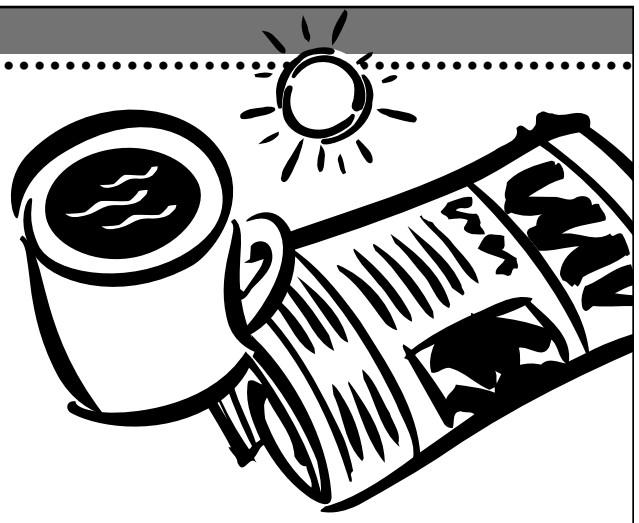

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Support Emerges for Davis

Democrat presidential contenders, AFL-CIO endorse Calif. governor

WASHINGTON | The nine rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination have come together in support of embattled California Gov. Gray Davis, who is fighting an effort to remove him from office.

Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe got the party's White House candidates to sign an open letter against the recall of Davis.

The Democrats described the Oct. 7 recall election as a "costly Republican power grab."

The letter came as the AFL-CIO Executive Council voted to oppose the recall and urged elected Democrats not to oppose Davis.

Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) said Monday she strongly opposes the recall, but that Democrats should field another candidate if polls show Davis will lose his job. Three members of Congress have called on Sen. Dianne Feinstein, the state's most popular politician, to run in the recall vote. (AP)

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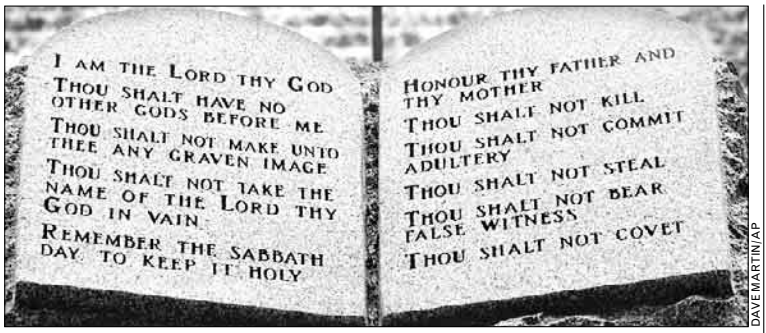
Gov. Gray Davis spoke at an AFL-CIO conference in Chicago on Tuesday.



DAVE MARTIN/AP

Alabama's chief justice wants this sculpture to stay at the state Judicial Building.

Judge: Thou Shalt Remove Monument

MONTGOMERY, ALA. | A federal judge on Tuesday ordered the chief justice of Alabama's Supreme Court to remove a Ten Commandments monument from the state Judicial Building within 15 days.

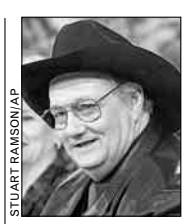
U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson ruled the 5,300-pound monument violates the constitutional ban on government promotion of religion.

Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, whose stand was rejected by an appeals court, has said he will take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. (AP)

Thieves Steal Lottery Winner's Cash at Strip Bar

CROSS LANES, W.VA. | More than half a million dollars was stolen early Tuesday from a Powerball winner's vehicle parked outside a strip club, but the money was recovered, a sheriff's deputy said.

Someone broke a window in Jack Whittaker's sport utility vehicle around 2:30 a.m., taking a briefcase containing $245,000 in cash and three blank $100,000 cashier's checks.



STUART RAMSON/AP

Tom Whittaker

The briefcase, cash and checks were later found behind a trash bin on the property.

Whittaker claimed a $113 million cash option after winning a record $314.9 million Powerball jackpot on Christmas Day. He promised to give a tenth of his winnings to churches, the Charleston Daily Mail reported.

Police have suspects but no arrests have been made. (AP)

Rumsfeld Holds Line on U.S. Troop Numbers

WASHINGTON | Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday there is no need to increase U.S. armed forces for now even though the military is being stretched by operations in Iraq and elsewhere.

"We're absolutely open-minded about how many people we have in the armed services," Rumsfeld said. "The way to get the right number," he added, is not to rush to a change "the first time you feel the effects of a spike in activity, as we do right now with Iraq."

He said analyses of troop strength by the Joint Chiefs of Staff indicate current force levels are sufficient for engagements in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo, the Sinai peninsula and South Korea.

Last week the nominee to be Army chief of staff, Gen. Peter Schoomaker, told a Senate panel the Army likely will need more troops to meet its worldwide commitments. (AP)

HEARSAY | SECRETS

"The last thing we want to do is tip off terrorists that we are on to them."

—ROB NICHOLS
U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, ON WHY THE TREASURY REFUSED SENATORS' REQUESTS TO RELEASE A LIST OF SAUDIS SUSPECTED OF FUNDING TERRORIST GROUPS

World

In Brief

INDIA

PepsiCo, Coca-Cola Under Fire Over Pesticide Levels

The Indian arms of PepsiCo Inc. and Coca-Cola Co. are selling soft drinks in India containing dangerous levels of pesticide residue, an independent research group said Tuesday. A New Delhi-based research center reported that the levels of pesticides in the PepsiCo brands tested were 36 times higher than European Union standards; the average for all Coca-Cola products was 30 times higher. The companies defended the quality of their products. (AP)

UNITED NATIONS

Gay Activists Demand International Rights

Gay activists demanded that homosexual rights be included in international human rights treaties and asked the United Nations to provide equal benefits to same-sex couples. On the issue of the rights of gay and lesbian staff members, Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a statement that "matters of personal status should be determined by reference to the law of the staff member's nationality." (AP)

COLOMBIA

Rebel Leader Offers to Talk To U.S. Over Drug Charges

A leader of Colombia's outlawed paramilitary groups made his first-ever TV appearance Monday, saying he wants to meet with U.S. officials about drug-trafficking charges against him. Salvatore Mancuso, the military chief of the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia, is charged by a U.S. federal court with exporting 17 tons of cocaine into the United States and Europe. A U.S. Embassy spokesman dismissed the request. (AP)

RUSSIA

Scientists Ponder Dinosaur Bones' Significance

Paleontologists in the Russian Far East have found three dinosaur skeletons, including one that appears to belong to an unknown subspecies. Expedition chief Yuri Bolotsky also said he was concerned that the construction of a highway could ruin the finds before his team can dig them out. (AP)

Suicide Bomber Strikes Indonesia

13 killed, nearly 150 wounded in attack on Marriott Hotel

JAKARTA | A suspected suicide bombing at the Marriott Hotel created carnage in Jakarta's business district Tuesday, killing 13 people and wounding 149, setting cars afire and scattering glass shards for blocks in a bloody reminder of the continuing threat of terrorism in the world's most populous Muslim nation.

The blast came two days before a verdict in the trial of a key suspect in the Bali nightclub bombings last Oct. 12 that killed 202 people, many of them foreigners. A Dutch banker was among the dead Tuesday, and at least 10 foreigners, including two Americans, were reported injured.

The attack occurred on the first day of testimony in another bombing case by the alleged leader of Jemaah Islamiyah, which has been blamed for the Bali bombings. Authorities have linked the group to al Qaeda.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the Marriott bombing. STEVEN GUTKIN (AP)

ADE DANHUR/AFP/GETTY

An Indonesian policeman inspects a hole made by the bomb blast in Jakarta.

Arab League Rejects Council

Bloc announces it won't recognize Iraq's new governing body

CAIRO | Arab League members will not recognize Iraq's U.S.-appointed Governing Council, saying they will wait until post-Saddam Hussein Iraq is led by an elected government.

"The Council is a start but it should pave the way for a legitimate government that can be recognized," Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa said Tuesday after a committee of league foreign ministers met to forge a unified stance on how to deal with Iraq.

Many Arab governments had welcomed the council's formation as a positive step but fell short of recognizing it, saying it would have had more credibility if it had been elected by the Iraqi people.

U.S. State Department deputy spokesman Philip T. Reeker did not respond directly to the announcement, but he said Secretary of State Colin Powell has argued to other Arabs that the council deserved and needed recognition. (AP)

THE ARAB LEAGUE

Its support would help the Iraqi Governing Council counter charges from some Iraqis and other Arabs that it is an American puppet. However:

Few other Arab League members can claim to be led by democratically elected governments. Members include the Palestinian Liberation Organization, which is not a state, and Somalia, which has no internationally recognized government.

Snags Derail Summit

Abbas, Sharon meeting called off over prisoner dispute

JERUSALEM | The Palestinians called off a summit this week with the Israeli prime minister to show their dissatisfaction with Israel's plans for a prisoner release. One Palestinian lawmaker Tuesday warned of a "major crisis," calling for quick U.S. intervention.

The U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan has hit a series of snags in recent days, leading to the cancellation of the planned meeting between Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

The move protested an Israeli plan to release some 440 Palestinian inmates on Wednesday. Israel is not required under the road map to free prisoners, but Abbas has made it a key condition for further progress on the plan. Palestinians were dissatisfied with the planned release, saying the list contained few long-serving detainees. (AP)

Uneasy Detente in Liberia

MONROVIA | Liberian rebels darted across contested bridges to shake hands Tuesday with government fighters as a steadily building deployment brought an edgy day of calm to Liberia's gutted capital.

Aid agencies sped shipments to Monrovia, bloodied by two months of rebel sieges that have killed more than 1,000 civilians and cut the capital off from food and all but the barest medical care.

Tons of relief aid piled up at Liberia's main airport as white U.N. helicopters shuttled in Nigerian troops of a promised 3,250-member West African deployment.

It will be days before the troops move from the airport into the capital, but their presence was enough to still AK-47s in the war-divided city.

Nigerian commanders at the airport said they could deploy to the capital only after enough troops and armored vehicles arrive. (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: Blistering heat caused four more deaths in Spain on Tuesday as Europe baked in relentless weather. Temperatures soared above 100 degrees across the continent.

French Troops Foil Massacre

NYANDA, CONGO | French troops on helicopter patrol over troubled northeastern Congo stopped a massacre in progress Tuesday, although nine villagers died, residents said.

The attack began when Lendu tribal fighters, armed with automatic weapons and machetes, raided this tiny village of the Hema tribe from two directions, chief Nguna Manasse said.

Thousands of people have been killed in tribal fighting in Congo since a rebellion broke out in August 1998. (AP)

World

AP PHOTO/GEORGE OSODI

SCARE: Students walk past a burnt house in the Koko Niger-Delta area of Nigeria. Militants recently attacked the town and set hundreds of houses ablaze.

FBI Interviews Saudi

Agency investigates his 'suspicious' links to 9/11 hijackers

JIDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA | FBI agents have interviewed a Saudi man suspected of helping two of the Sept. 11 hijackers, a U.S. Embassy official said Tuesday.

Omar al-Bayoumi was interviewed Sunday night by FBI agents in the Red Sea port city of Jiddah, where he lives, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The White House said Monday it was eager to question al-Bayoumi. A congressional report says he befriended and helped al Qaeda members Khalid al-Mihdhar and Nawaf al-Hazmi, two of the hijackers on the jet that crashed into the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

Al-Bayoumi said Sunday in an interview with Dubai-based Al-Arabiya television that he was willing to talk with the FBI, but only in his homeland and in the presence of officials from his government. He told the station that he had done nothing wrong.

Al-Bayoumi left the United States two months before Sept. 11 to study in Britain. (AP)

FBI: A 'SUSPICIOUS' PROFILE

Al-Bayoumi studied in the United States on a Saudi government scholarship from 1994 to 2000. The congressional report said he and al-Mihdhar and al-Hazmi met in Los Angeles. When the two later moved into the same San Diego housing complex where al-Bayoumi lived, he threw them a welcoming party and put down money for their deposit and first month's rent, the report said. The FBI reportedly found the connection between the three men "somewhat suspicious."

Oil Firms Vulnerable In Volatile Niger Delta

KOKO, NIGERIA | Crouching behind sandbags with machine guns, soldiers watch a river flowing past a looming French-run oil complex to the Atlantic Ocean.

The soldiers are part of a military buildup in the oil-rich Niger Delta meant to counter a sharp escalation of ethnic violence here that has killed 38 people in the past two weeks. Trouble in the Scotland-sized region of swamps and mangrove forests has forced oil companies to abandon a sixth of the country's production for more than four months.

Nigeria is Africa's largest oil producer and the fifth-biggest source of U.S. oil imports. About 300,000 barrels, or 15 percent of the country's total production, is being lost because of the unrest every day.

Twice in the past week, Nigerian soldiers repelled attacks by unidentified assailants on the town of Koko near an oil-blending plant run by French firm Total, Pvt. Onoja Abu said.

Gunmen kidnapped a British oil worker Tuesday in the oil port city of Warri, where many oil multinationals have operational bases. Four others, including an employee of ChevronTexaco, were freed after the intervention of local leaders without any payments, oil companies said.

Oil companies in Nigeria are now faced with the prospect of closing vital operations indefinitely at a time the United States is looking toward the Gulf of Guinea — where Nigeria is the leading producer — as an alternate source of energy to the Persian Gulf.

The Total facility at Koko, a run-down port town of about 5,000 people, is one of several threatened sites that have resumed operations under the protection of 300 heavily armed troops. (AP)

Mexico Bolsters Force in Tijuana

TIJUANA | Mexico's federal government dispatched some 650 federal agents Monday to Tijuana in the latest attempt to curb smuggling and corruption in the rough border city.

The members of Mexico's federal police force arrived aboard three government jets. Their commander said the agents will make it harder for drug and immigrant smuggling gangs to operate here, and will also help thwart corruption among local police.

Last year, President Vicente Fox sent about 1,000 police officers to help fight crime in this city, considered among the most violent. (AP)

ALBANIA | DINING AL FRESCO

GENT SHKULLAKU/AFP/GETTY

LIGHT SNACK: Sheep dine on uncollected garbage Tuesday in the middle of one of Albania's biggest beaches and tourists resorts. The Albanian government has set tourism as one of its top priorities, but it has failed so far to provide the proper infrastructure and services to attract tourists.

In Turkey, Army and Islam Feud

Fiercely secular army bristles at reforms meant to please EU

ANKARA | Over the weekend, top generals bluntly criticized the government of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan after parliament voted to curb the influence of the military-dominated National Security Council in an effort to improve Turkey's chances of joining the EU.

The EU hailed the new reforms. Turkey hopes to start membership talks with the EU at the end of next year, but the bloc has demanded Turkey first curtail the military's influence and implement democratic reforms.

The tensions that ensued show how difficult it will be for Erdogan's government to curtail the military's influence, however.

The conflict between Islam and secularism runs deep in Turkey. The military considers it its duty to protect Turkey's strict separation of Islam and politics. (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS:
Pakistan's anti-narcotics police seized 2,205 pounds of hashish Tuesday after a gunbattle with suspected drug traffickers in a remote southern town.

HEARSAY | SELF-IMAGES

AP

"My inclination is to tone down and soothe confrontations."

—ITALIAN PREMIER SILVIO BERLUSCONI

BERLUSCONI DISCUSSED HIS LEADERSHIP STYLE IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED TUESDAY. LAST MONTH, BERLUSCONI TOLD A GERMAN MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT HE WOULD BE "PERFECT" IN THE ROLE OF A NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP GUARD.

Police Nab Two Suspects in Md. Doctor's Death

PALMER PARK, MD. | Two suspects wanted in the shooting death of an area physician were under arrest in Louisiana, Prince George's County Police Chief Melvin C. High said Tuesday.

Christophe Kargbo and Arthur Royal, both 19, were arrested Monday in a New Orleans suburb with the aid of U.S. Marshals, High said. He hoped they would be extradited back to Maryland "in the near future."

Both face first degree murder charges in the death of Thomas A. Gay, 61, who was shot July 22 in the driveway of his Mitchellville, Md., home. (AP)

FUEL SPILL | CLEANING UP

CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

CONTAINMENT: Paul Kurgan from the D.C. Police Environmental Crimes unit and Lt. Jack Foster of the Fire Department's Hazmat Unit clean up a fuel spill near Queen Street in Northeast Washington.

Report: Police Getting Off Easy

Study criticizes leaders of Pr. Geo. Police Department

PALMER PARK, MD. | Prince George's County police officers often aren't held accountable for wrongdoing because of poor leadership and lax discipline, according to a review of the force released Tuesday.

The report, authored by the county's Office of Police Reform, uncovered a backlog of 300 internal discipline cases, 100 of which will likely have to be dismissed as statutes of limitation expire.

Numerous cases were also found in which officers and supervisors escaped punishment for breaking departmental rules. The results of the half-year study come as the county negotiates a proposed consent order with the Department of Justice.

Some local groups were disappointed that county leaders said reform would take a long time.

"Something needs to be done immediately," said Matthew Fogg of the People's Coalition for Police Accountability. STEPHEN MANNING (AP)

In Brief

THE REGION

Judge: Specify Sniper Shootings Being Presented

Prosecutors in the case against sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad must specify which of 12 shootings they will present at trial if they want defense lawyers to be required to provide any potential alibi defense, according to a judge's order Tuesday. The defense team will then have 24 hours to provide any potential alibi evidence. (AP)

AP

Muhammad

THE DISTRICT

Two Arrested for Adams Morgan Shooting

Police on Tuesday arrested Dimas Antonio Villatoro, 22, and a 17-year-old male in connection with Monday's shooting in Adams Morgan, according to police spokesman Sgt. Joe Gentile. They were charged with assault with intent to kill while armed. The afternoon shooting on the 1700 block of Columbia Road NW left a man with non-life-threatening bullet wounds to the arm and shoulder. (AP)

FAIRFAX COUNTY

McLean Resident Caught Illegally Taping Nanny

Fairfax County Police arrested a McLean, Va., man on charges he illegally taped his children's nanny in her bedroom. "It wasn't a nanny-cam, this wasn't him trying to check to see if she was doing her job properly," police spokeswoman Julie Hersey said Tuesday.

Investigators said the 20-year-old unidentified woman did not know what was going on until she found a tape, which she took to police. (AP)

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Money

IRS Asks Poor For More Proof

Program is meant to cut billions in earned income tax credits

WASHINGTON | The Internal Revenue Service said Tuesday that 25,000 low-income earners will be asked to bolster their tax returns with proof that they qualify for a tax credit designed to lift the working poor out of poverty.

The new forms will go to some families with children who receive the earned income tax credit, a benefit designed as an incentive for low-wage workers to keep working. The families will be asked to prove they cared for a child more than half the year, one requirement for receiving the credit.

The certification program is one part of a broader project designed to reduce billions in earned income credits paid erroneously each year. The IRS next year will also investigate at least 300,000 taxpayers suspected of underreporting their income or claiming an incorrect filing status to get a bigger credit.

The certification experiment scales back a more ambitious pilot program that drew critical comments from tax professionals and low-income advocates. The IRS said they took those comments into consideration and modified the program. (AP)

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FIT FOR THE QUEEN: Haven Burke, left, chief executive, and Don Henshall, managing director of Krispy Kreme UK Ltd, hold up doughnuts outside Harrods department store in London, Tuesday. Krispy Kreme will open its first factory store in Europe at the famous department store in October.

In Brief

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Verizon: Progress Made In Contract Negotiations

Verizon said Tuesday a framework for a contract agreement with its unions has been established, but one union said job security and other major issues were still on the table. "We're continuing in intensive talks," said Candice Johnson, a spokeswoman for the Communications Workers of America, which represents around 60,000 Verizon workers. Some 78,000 telephone workers remained on the job for a third day without a contract. (AP)

OIL INDUSTRY

Shell to Pay Government $49 Million Settlement

Shell Oil Co. agreed to pay the federal government a $49 million settlement that included acknowledging it improperly vented and flared gas in the Gulf of Mexico, and failed to properly report or pay federal royalties on that gas, the Justice Department said Tuesday. This was the third case settled by Shell in the last four years alleging underpayment of royalties to the federal government. (AP)

PRODUCTS

Gillette to Update Razor Lines Hoping to Edge Schick

The Gillette Co. on Tuesday announced plans to update some of its razors, including a new three-bladed version of the two-bladed Sensor system and a new version of the Mach3Turbo with a car-racing theme — part of its attempt to stay a cut above shaving rival Schick, which is expected next month to debut Quattro, the first four-bladed razor system. (AP)

TOBACCO

RJR Says Legislation Would Eat 2003 Profits

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Holdings Inc. said Tuesday that a tobacco-quota buyout bill introduced last week in the U.S. Senate would require its tobacco company to pay more than $570 million in taxes — eating up more than its projected profit this year. The bill would pay farmers who had been guaranteed a base price for their tobacco under a system being overhauled to let the market set prices. (AP)

Terrorism Rattles Markets

NEW YORK | Investors shaken by a terrorist attack overseas and a turnaround in interest rates sent stocks sharply lower Tuesday, propelling the Dow Jones industrials down nearly 150 points in their worst day in 2 1/2 months.

Downbeat outlooks from Gillette and Costco added to the market's gloom, but analysts said much of the selling was due to a growing realization that interest rates are again climbing.

Analysts also attributed Tuesday's losses to a powerful car bomb explosion outside the Marriott hotel in downtown Jakarta on Tuesday. The explosion, an apparent suicide attack, killed 13 people and wounded 149 — including two Americans.

The Dow closed down 149.72, or 1.6 percent, at 9,036.32, its biggest one-day point loss since May 19, when it shed 185.58. The broader market also had steep losses.

The Nasdaq composite index dropped 40.56, or 2.4 percent, to 1,673.50. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 17.36, or 1.8 percent, to 965.46. (AP)

Government May Bar Sprint Over Billing Charges

WASHINGTON | The government is considering suspending business with Sprint because the telecommunications company overcharged the Justice Department more than $2 million.

The General Services Administration informed Sprint in the last week that the agency's inspector general urged GSA officials to consider barring the company from new contracts, Sprint spokesman James Fisher said Tuesday. Sprint's government contracts are worth more than $600 million each year.

Sprint agreed in June to pay $5.5 million to settle allegations it knowingly defrauded the government by overcharging the Justice Department for telecommunications services between 2000 and 2002. The company said there was no intent to defraud. (AP)

Reserve Oil Buy Blamed for Pinch

WASHINGTON | The Bush administration's decision to buy nearly 11 million barrels of oil for the government's emergency reserve is contributing to tight supplies and higher energy prices, some economists and congressional Democrats said Tuesday. The Energy Department denies the claim, while some oil traders say other factors have had more of an impact. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ChiYuc	11.78	+2.03	+20.8
OreStl	3.50	+.33	+10.4
MidwGm	2.41	+.20	+9.0
MetrisCos	3.30	+.27	+8.9
CarrSrv	3.35	+.26	+8.4

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
BushInd	4.10	-1.17	-22.2
Milacron	2.40	-.61	-20.3
Cryolife	6.12	-1.25	-17.0
Nashua	7.25	-1.10	-13.2
ShawGp	7.18	-.99	-12.1

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
QiaoXing n	8.86	+2.68	+43.4
VA Sftwr	2.68	+.76	+39.6
SmithMic n	4.13	+1.11	+36.8
ChinaRes	8.40	+1.71	+25.6
LCC Intl	4.60	+.86	+23.0

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Alexion	12.58	-3.42	-21.4
Danka	2.91	-.74	-20.3
Costco	30.06	-6.90	-18.7
OptionCr	9.99	-2.26	-18.5
CTI Mole	13.09	-2.79	-17.6

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-149.72	-40.56	-17.36
-1.63	-2.37	-1.77
9036.32	1673.50	965.46

Rates

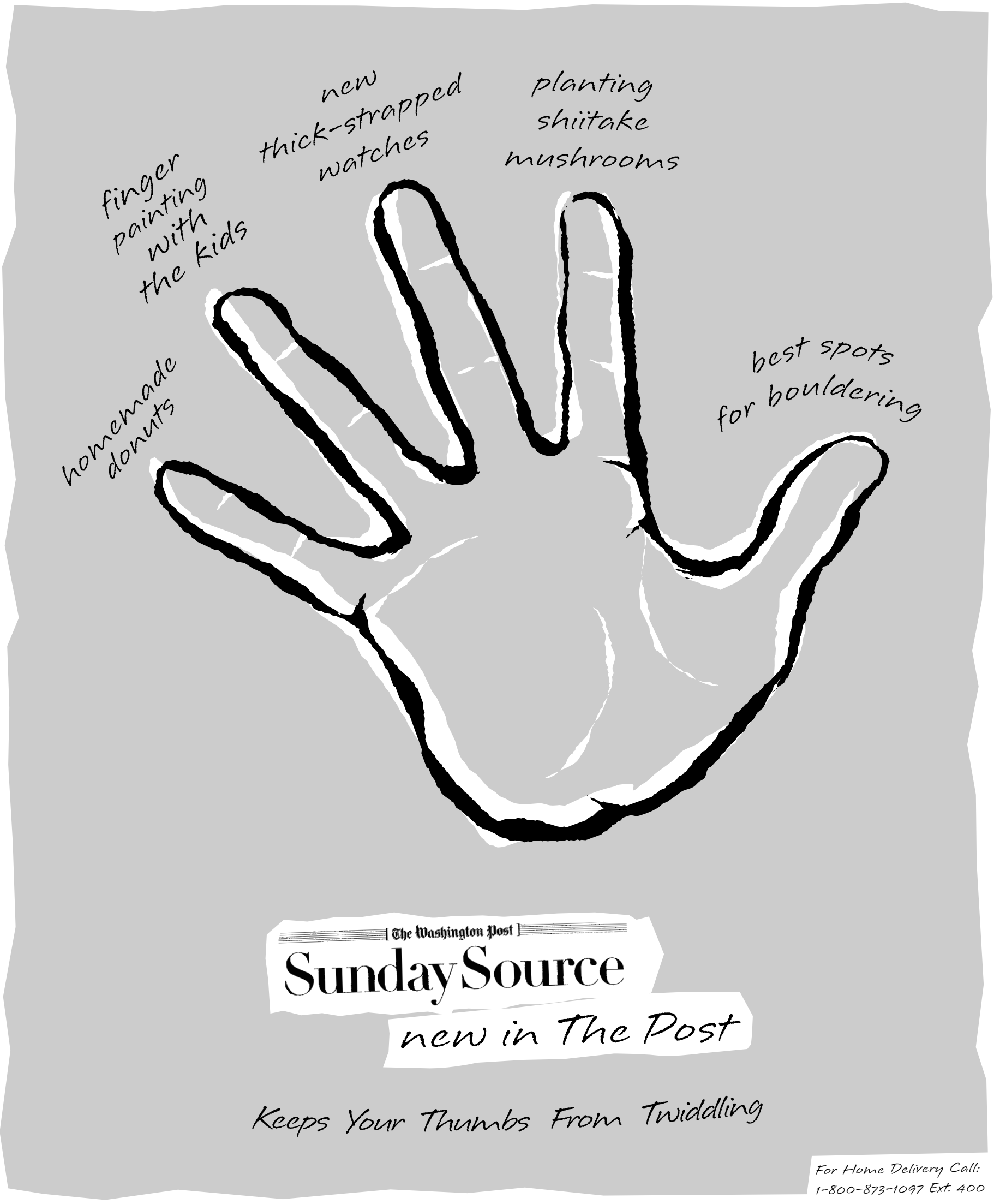
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.25
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.0625
3-month	0.94	0.96
2-year	1.82	1.71
10-year	4.39	4.44
30-year	5.36	5.34

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.6211	.6215	.6404
Canadian Dollar	1.4024	1.4061	1.5965
European Euro	.8811	.8809	1.0193
Japanese Yen	119.90	120.42	119.67
Mexican Peso	10.7295	10.7040	9.7905
Taiwanese Dollar	34.46	34.42	33.83

Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AOL TW	14.85	-.29	+13.4
ClearChan	39.58	-.47	+6.1
Comcast	29.19	-1.02	+23.8
Comc sp	28.14	-.92	+24.6
CoxCom	32.61	-.26	+14.8
Disney	21.55	-.56	+32.1
Fox Ent	29.28	-.41	+12.9
Gannett	76.73	-.94	+6.9
GM H	13.37	-.12	+25.0
LibtyMA	10.60	-.25	+18.6
LibtyMB	10.70	-.28	+16.3
NewsCorp	29.87	-.28	+13.8
Thomson	29.83	+.08	+11.6
Viacom	42.05	-.86	+3.0
ViacomB	41.97	-.91	+3.0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Catching the Spirit

Surfers find faith, fellowship among other wave-riders

RELIGION | As the white-tipped wave melts into the ocean, the surfer's rush of adrenaline gives way to other feelings. Some who ride the walls of water are making an unexpected discovery at that moment: They are finding God.

Around the world, a subculture perhaps better known for sculpted bodies and slacker mindsets is finding spirituality. Some surfers say a flawless ride puts them in touch with a higher power. Others are taking those feelings and using the ocean as a pulpit from which to preach their faith.

And, dude, they think it's awesome.

"Surfing is the most spiritual thing that you can do," said Rabbi Nachum Shifren, who lectures on the surf-soul connection. "You're out in the water, you're by yourself, you're out there in God's creation. It's like being in the womb."

Such messages of spirituality in the surf have given the search for the perfect wave new meaning.

Each week, dozens of Bible study groups made up entirely of surfers assemble around the country. They are organizing mission trips in the Caribbean and Kosher surf camps in Costa Rica. They've even seen the introduction of their own Bible, including a full-color cover with shots of big waves and profiles of surfers inside, a surf gear line called Faith Riding Co., and the Surfer's Chapel in Huntington Beach, Calif.

"Surfing has always been kind of a more spiritual" activity, said Army Chief Warrant Officer Glen Spence, a surfer in Hawaii. "It's only natural for the two to meet."

Christian Surfers, an international organization that started in Australia more than 20 years ago, has flourished recently in the United States. Two years ago, nine chapters served about 450 members. Today, 28 groups from Old Orchard Beach, Maine, to Pensacola, Fla., to Hawaii, count about 1,400 members.

The organization tallies thousands of surfers elsewhere, too, in Japan, South Africa, Venezuela and a host of other surfing spots.

In all of these groups, the mission is to minister to other surfers, gently preach their message, and get them to join a local church.

For a lot of surfers, the whole concept of church is off-putting," said the Rev. Bill White of the Surfer's Chapel, where services are held at night to avoid interference with morning waves.

Surfers are sometimes skeptical of organized religion, he said, but can be swayed by a community of faith solely made up of fellow wave riders. "I feel that surfers identify with surfing as much as any ethnic group identifies with their ethnicity," White said.

In 2002, Christian Surfers chapters in the United States recorded 1,071 conversions — surfers who accepted Christ for the first time due to their efforts. Nearly 400 fallen-away Christians across the country returned to their faith last year as a result of the organization's efforts, Christian Surfers said.

Others are less emphatic about using surfing as a means for evangelization, instead emphasizing the sport's natural spirituality.

"It's kind of a yin yang kind of thing," said Shifren, who has authored "Surfing Rabbi" and is hosting what's billed as the world's only Kosher surf camp in Costa Rica next month.

"In order to find true happiness and true contentment, you have to work," he said referring to the exhausting paddling that surfing requires and one's spiritual journey.

"You connect to purity when you surf," added Alon Maor, a Jewish surfer who prays before surfing each morning in Hawaii. "You feel God's energy." MATT SEDENSKY (AP)

RONEN ZILBERMAN/AP

Around the world, a subculture better known for sculpted bodies and slacker mindsets is finding spirituality in sport.

RONEN ZILBERMAN/AP

> "You're by yourself, you're out there in God's creation. It's like being in the womb."
>
> —RABBI NACHUM SHIFREN
> TEACHES SURF-SOUL LINK

Surprising Discoveries On Stress

HEALTH | Post-traumatic stress affects people across the globe in sometimes surprising ways.

It's high among foreign-born U.S. Latinos and some Los Angeles sixth-graders, but it's relatively low among Israelis, three new studies suggest.

The studies appear in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

The studies examined post-traumatic stress disorder, a mental dysfunction that sometimes develops after people witness or are victimized by violence or severe accidents.

Symptoms include persistent flashbacks, avoidance of things that trigger memories of the violence, and emotional numbness.

In a study of 126 California sixth-graders with suspected post-traumatic stress, 10 sessions of school-based group therapy taught coping skills that substantially reduced stress symptoms.

The youngsters were from two schools in economically disadvantaged east Los Angeles, and three-quarters said they had experienced or witnessed severe violence.

Latin American immigrants queried in one study said they had been exposed to political violence and torture; of those, 26 percent had symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

In another study, more than 80 percent of Israeli adults said they felt optimistic about their futures, despite recent terrorist violence in their areas. LINDSAY TANNER (AP)

STRESS STUDIES

In three separate studies published by medical researchers, post-traumatic stress disorder was found — or not found — among surprising groups.

75 percent of sixth-graders in two L.A. schools had witnessed violence with guns or knives.

54 percent of Latin American immigrants had been exposed to violence in their home countries.

9 percent of Israelis who had been exposed to terrorist violence showed signs of post-traumatic stress.

Not Necessarily The News

Jon Stewart on the world's easiest job: spoofing the media

INTERVIEW | Jon Stewart could barely contain himself.

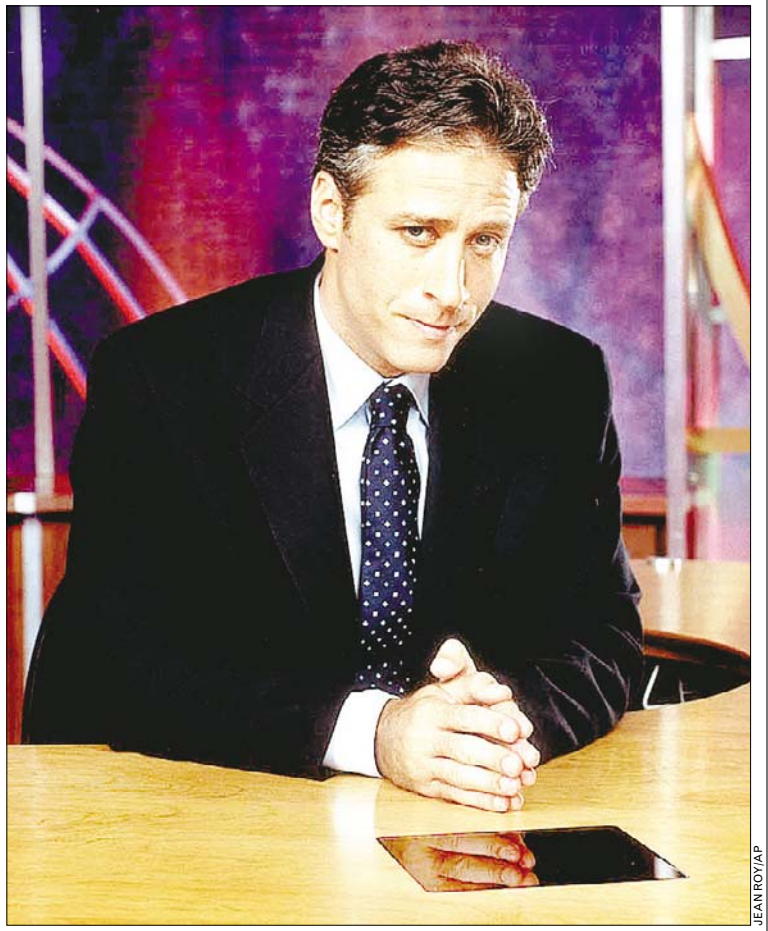
A congressman had publicly called a colleague a "fruitcake," but Stewart couldn't joke about it on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" until three days later.

"I do believe we need to go to a 24-hour fake news channel," he said. "Fox can't be the only fake news channel out there!"

Stewart can't wait to bare the absurdities of the news, and his sharp humor has made "The Daily Show" a growing force. As an election year approaches, Stewart's in top form.

He and "The Daily Show" are up for five Emmys next month, and the Television Critics Association has given him two awards and a nomination, along with "60 Minutes" and "Nightline," for best achievement in news.

On Aug. 14, the nation's reigning political celebrity, New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, is Stewart's guest.



JEAN ROY/AP

ANCHORAGE: Stewart in his element, awaiting easy targets like vice presidents in hiding, squabbling lawmakers, unraveling news readers and campaign season.

"The idea isn't to make jokes about horrible things," Stewart said. "The idea is to find the absurdity in the difficult circumstances around us."

The show's fake "debate" about foreign policy, using film clips to show President Bush arguing with presidential candidate Bush, was as pointed as a political cartoon. Nor did he let the latest Dan Rather moment pass by. Stewart played tape of the CBS anchor reciting lyrics to "Take Me Home, Country Road" when former POW Jessica Lynch returned to West Virginia.

"The Daily Show"'s campaign coverage is likely to attract even more attention than its "Indecision 2000," as the upcoming Clinton appearance indicates. Stewart can't quite understand why it's important for politicians to go on comedy shows. Not that he's complaining.

> "I do believe we need to go to a 24-hour fake news channel," says Stewart. "Fox can't be the only fake news channel out there!"

"I can't imagine anyone lauding Churchill's legacy as, yes, he rallied England during its darkest hours but, also, tremendous ribald wit," he said. "Great leadership doesn't require that you go toe to toe with pranksters, but for some reason, they feel that it adds to their electability." DAVID BAUDER (AP)

The Odd Squad

TELEVISION | Comedy Central's Wednesday-night satire, "Reno 911!," spoofs the cinema-verite style of "Cops" and reveals the malfunctionings of a fictional Nevada sheriff's department.

On the show, the brainchild of series co-stars Robert Ben Grant, Kerri Kenney and Thomas Lennon, inept deputies shoot each other, lob insults and find time for hanky-panky. Armed with intelligent silliness and bawdiness, "Reno" earns a big brass star.

Many in the uniformly excellent cast have improv backgrounds, and Lennon calls the largely improvised series "a Trojan horse just hiding a sketch show."

Originally developed for Fox, the "Reno 911!" pilot was shelved for two years until Comedy Central resurrected it. The trio of creators are grateful.

"We get away with murder," Kenney said. "They [Comedy Central executives] encourage comedians to do the comedy, and they don't stick their hands in it." LYNN ELBER (AP)

IAN WHITE/COMEDY CENTRAL/AP

SAY, NICE BUST: Nevada's finest nonexistent sheriff's department stands tall.

Top Stops

FOR COMPLETE EVENT LISTINGS SEE WASHINGTONPOST.COM/ENTERTAINMENT

To Be: Or Not

1 So there's this kid, see, and his dad is, like, a dead king, and the kid sees him on the ramparts, and he's all, "What's a rampart?" . . . OK, there's no good way to shorten a full-length play, but you can enjoy the deliberately brief 10-Minute Play Competition.

Source Theater; 1835 14th St., NW; 8 p.m., $16.50; 202-462-1073.

Local Heroine: Mary-Chapin Drops In

2 Hometown girl and national treasure, a singer-songwriter comes back to spend a couple of nights putting over her unique part-folk/part-country/part-rock/all-Mary musical magic.

Wolf Trap, Filene Center; 1551 Trap Road, Vienna; 8 p.m., $20-$34; 703-218-6500.

COURTESY OF WOLFTRAP

Mary-Chapin's a local girl, but her music occupies a territory of its own.

Brews to You: Fine Dining With Beer

3 What should you drink with sea bass? No, not white wine. A beer tasting and food-pairing event showcasing Sierra Nevada brews should set you straight.

State Theatre, 220 N. Washington Blvd., Falls Church; $20, 7:30 p.m. 703-237-0300.

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LAST CHANCE: U.S. Army Blues and Swing Band swings its last as this summer's Wednesday Night Concert Series comes to a close. Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., 6:30 p.m., free.

Entertainment

A Sunny Reign

MUSIC | Mary J. Blige is jubilant.

And it is evident on her sunny new album, "Love & Life."

"This album is a celebration of life," says the R&B singer, whose previous sets often have been steeped in pain and heartbreak.

Due Aug. 26, the gorgeously soul-smacked set finds Blige reteamed with producer Sean "P. Diddy" Combs.

Joining Blige on "Love & Life" are special guests Jay-Z, Eve (the Dr. Dre-produced "Not Today") and 50 Cent; Method Man raps on the first single, "Love @ 1st Sight."

Though Blige has worked with numerous producers through the years, her collaborations with Combs appear to have left the most lasting impression on fans.

Combs handled the bulk of production duties on the singer's first two albums, but the two parted ways, citing creative differences, after 1994's "My Life." They reconnected last year, when Combs remixed the single "No More Drama."

Because the mix "came out hot," Blige says she and Combs realized that the chemistry between them was very much intact.

For Blige, working again with Combs "wasn't overwhelming. I didn't let anything take me over the top. He still wants what he wants, and I still want what I want."

Combs says he was excited to be back behind the boards working with Blige. "For me, the new album is a continuation of 'My Life'," he explains. "With 'Love & Life', I was less of a dictator. It was a more even playing field."

"Let it be known," says Blige. "Mary is in love and enjoying her life. But the songs on this album show that you must keep pressing on. I am only human. I am not a statue to worship." MICHAEL PAOLETTA (BILLBOARD)

✣ **More Music:** Todd Rundgren live, plus Quick Spins in The Washington Post | Style

JOE CAVARETTA/AP

BLUE SKIES FROM NOW ON: R&B queen Mary J. Blige is over the heartbreak and ready for love on her optimistic, deeply soulful new album, "Love & Life."

Don't Touch that Dial

TELEVISION | The good news for Michael Richards, Carmen Electra and Tom Arnold is that they'll be involved in new NBC productions slated to air this fall.

The bad news is the productions will last only a minute, and they will be shown at a time during which many viewers are trying to fit in bathroom breaks.

NBC said it will make a series of one-minute movies, designed to be shown during the breaks between programs. They'll work as cliffhangers, with 30 seconds shown during one hour and the final 30 seconds an hour later, presumably retaining the attention of the TV-viewing public.

Richards, formerly of "Seinfeld," and sometime actors/celebrity curiosities Arnold and Electra have agreed to either act in or lend their voices to one of the 10 new segments being filmed.

"We know that contemporary audiences are primed for this format and we have provided a means for creative people who are ready to deliver in 60 seconds or less," NBC Entertainment President Jeff Zucker said recently.

These miniature movies are part of a general effort by broadcasters to keep viewers from changing stations. In the past, networks have compressed end credits so they fly by, or eliminated commercial breaks between shows.

Executives are also worried that personal recording devices such as Tivo will cost them a captive audience for commercials. (AP)

ROBERT MORA/GETTY IMAGES

Carmen Electra will have to squeeze to fit into NBC's one-minute movies.

GUILTY PLEASURES: "Freaky Friday," opening today. Make fun of it all you wish — you're either of an age to remember the 1976 mother-daughter switcheroo flick, or you kind of want to see the 2003 remake, if just for Alison Lohman.

ON TV TONIGHT

GLUTTONS FOR PUNISHMENT

THE REAL ROSEANNE SHOW (9 p.m., ABC) Few things seem less appealing than the prospect of watching veteran documentary filmmaker R.J. Cutler as he follows Roseanne Barr pitching a cooking show to the Food Network. Unlike the Osbournes, Barr's private life has been an open book. But who knows, maybe "reality Roseanne" will drive us all back to scripted shows.

THE RUNNING MAN

THE TONIGHT SHOW (11:35 p.m., NBC) Life imitates Hollywood. Arnold Schwarzenegger discusses his feelings about a run for governor of California. There hasn't been so much excitement about a possible movie star candidate since Charlton Heston mulled a Senate race in the 1980s.

HOW ABOUT 'ROSEANNE'S HUSBAND'?

TAKE THIS JOB (10 p.m., A&E) The new documentary series glances at the wacky ways that some Americans earn a paycheck. Episode one focuses on hunters and gatherers, including a bounty hunter and a rabid pack of paparazzi.

BACK TO THE STREETS

STREET TIME (10 p.m., Showtime) enters it second season with a bang. Ronnie Skouras (Rob Smith) and James Liberti (Scott Cohen) face gunfire in the show's opening minutes. The gritty, violent series examines the federal parole program from the point of view of both offenders and officers. Look for tennis star Serena Williams to guest in future episodes.

CULT CHOICE

THE NIGHT OF THE HUNTER (9:30 p.m., TCM) A deranged preacher (Robert Mitchum) terrorizes two small children in one-shot director Charles Laughton's unique 1955 drama.

ALARMING DEVELOPMENTS

60 MINUTES II (8 p.m., CBS) Telemarketers; violent video games; The Blind Boys of Alabama.

2003 TEEN CHOICE AWARDS (8 p.m., Fox). Scheduled performers: The Donnas, Evanescence, Kelly Clarkson.

LAW & ORDER (10 p.m., NBC) A psychic's account of a murder raises doubts.

THE WEST WING (9 p.m., NBC) International crises keep the writing staff busy as Bartlet prepares for his inaugural address. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

TopStops

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Cool Cats: Thunderball at Five

4 As cold, brisk and intoxicating as a dry martini, Thunderball is the jet-set sound that gives the Eighteenth Street Lounge recordings their distinctive vibe. Steve Raskin and Sid Barcelona DJ and perform their signature blend of instrumental styles, from lounge to breakbeats to funk to outer-space swirls.

Five; 1214-B 18th St., NW; 202-331-7123.

DJs Raskin and Barcelona bring ultra-lounge chill to sweltering clubs.

Book Reading: The Sound of Silence

5 Keats wrote that unheard melodies are sweeter, but it's poet Anthony Hecht who transcribes the mysterious sheet music of that difficult art. In "Unheard Melodies," Hecht's book of essays, he discusses rhymes, sestinas and "the music of forms" in language as evocative and precise as poetry itself. He'll be reading from and discussing the book this evening.

Chapters; 445 11th St., NW; 7 p.m.; 202-347-5495.

Sports

In Brief

BASEBALL

Orioles Place Mora on DL

The Baltimore Orioles placed left fielder Melvin Mora, who is enjoying his career-best season, on the disabled list Tuesday to allow him to recover from a nagging hand injury. The Orioles recalled outfielder Jack Cust from Triple-A Ottawa to replace Mora on the roster. Mora originally hurt his hand in June. (AP)

BASEBALL

Possible Body Remains Found Near Cellular Field

The FBI in Chicago on Tuesday said they have found possible human remains after a dig near U.S. Cellular Field, the stadium of the Chicago White Sox. Special Agent Thomas Kneir said that the bones uncovered by the dig could be those of Michael Frank "Bones" Albergo. The 43-year-old Albergo was known as a known collector for an organized-crime, loansharking operation. He vanished in 1970. (AP)

EUROPEAN SOCCER

Beckham Bends It for Real Madrid in Victory

Superstar David Beckham scored his first goal for Real Madrid on Tuesday on a trademark curling free kick in a 3-0 victory over FC Tokyo in the second match of a promotional tour. Beckham played the full 90 minutes and looked more comfortable as the match progressed. Beckham made his much-anticipated debut in Saturday's 4-0 win over a Chinese select team in Beijing. (AP)

ITSUO INOUYE/AP

Beckham celebrates his goal.

Price Is Right for L. Coles

Wide receiver signed $35 million contract with the Redskins

FOOTBALL | Laveranues Coles, the centerpiece of owner Daniel Snyder's offseason upgrade, converted a breakout season with the New York Jets into a $35 million contract with the Washington Redskins.

His three-year rise from part-time player to big-name star is a story of overcoming expectations, including his own.

"To be honest, you kind of believe what you hear when you come out of college," said Coles, who was selected in the third round by the Jets in 2000.

RON EDMONDS/AP

Coles at Redskins practice.

Coles became a starter in his second year, catching 59 passes for 868 yards. Last year, he had 89 receptions and 1,264 yards.

Redskins head coach Steve Spurrier has begun lining up Coles in the slot to catch passes across the middle because of the receiver's ability to maneuver through defensive backs.

Coles said he's not motivated to live up to his newfound riches. "I think the pressure is pretty much off me. They gave me the money," he said. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

| **Online: Can the Redskins gel before the season begins?** Detailed coverage of training camp is at washingtonpost.com/sports

KOBE BRYANT | ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH

M. SPENCER GREEN/AP

ATTENTION SPAN: Eagle, Co. has been invaded by a mass influx of reporters hoping to catch a glimpse of Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant when he appears for a court hearing Wednesday. Bryant is charged with sexually assaulting a 19-year-old girl in late June. He has admitted to adultery, but maintains innocence in terms of assault.

Carruth's Appeal Is Shot Down

RALEIGH, N.C. | An appeals court on Tuesday refused to order a new trial for former Carolina Panther Rae Carruth on his 2001 murder conspiracy conviction, despite an error by a lower court.

North Carolina's second-highest court ruled that although the trial judge shouldn't have allowed handwritten notes from the victim to be admitted, the notes didn't prejudice the jury because of the overwhelming evidence against Carruth.

Carruth could still appeal the decision to the state Supreme Court.

He is serving a prison term of 18 years and 11 months for plotting to kill his pregnant girlfriend, Cherica Adams.

Carruth was found guilty of conspiracy to commit murder, shooting into an occupied vehicle and using a gun to try to kill the unborn baby. He was acquitted of a murder charge that could have brought the death penalty.

Adams was eight months pregnant with Carruth's child when she was shot while driving. She died a few days later.

Her scribbled notes given to police detectives were a major part of Carruth's appeal. His lawyers argue the statements, given after surgery and while Adams was taking pain killers, amount to hearsay.

SCOTT MOONEYHAM (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: On this date in 1999, Tony Gwynn of the San Diego Padres singled in his first at-bat to become the 22nd Major League Baseball player to reach 3,000 hits.

Today's TV Lineup

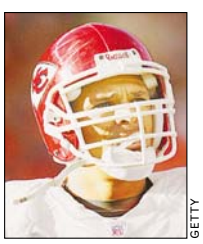
BASEBALL (7:05 on Comcast) Pat Hentgen, fresh off his season-best performance last week, pitches for the Baltimore Orioles against the Minnesota Twins.

BASEBALL (2 p.m. on ESPN) A crucial series in the American League central division ends when the Kansas City Royals visit the Chicago White Sox.

BASEBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN) David Wells goes for his 13th win when the New York Yankees host the Texas Rangers.

BASEBALL (10 p.m. on ESPN2) The Los Angeles Dodgers look to spark their offense against the Cincinnati Reds.

HEARSAY | DOWNED COMRADE



GETTY

"I felt like my heart stopped. It looked like he wasn't breathing. It's the worst thing to see a player like that."

—KANSAS CITY CHIEF TONY GONZALEZ

ON HIS FEELINGS WHEN TEAMMATE WILLIE JONES WAS INJURED DURING MONDAY NIGHT'S HALL OF FAME GAME. JONES IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL WEDNESDAY.

Travel

No Frills Airlines Upgrade

Cheaper carriers add extras as the majors downgrade service

Low-fare airlines and the majors are flying so close together that someone should file a near-miss report. Consider the recent evidence that the line between no-frills and full service is blurring:

Starting in the fall, JetBlue passengers will get more legroom. The upstart discounter, which already provides leather upholstery and a TV screen at every seat, will offer 34 inches of "seat pitch" (distance between seat backs) instead of 32. Some American Airlines' coach customers, meanwhile, soon will lose up to 3 inches of room they gained three years ago. American said it would put back seats on some planes to enable it to offer "competitive fares."

As for Southwest, it's true there's been no free lunch — or any other hot meal — for years on this "flying bus" pioneer. But now US Airways has stopped serving free meals in coach on most longer domestic flights. Passengers may buy food on board or bring their own. Several other majors are trying similar programs.

KEVIN P. COUGHLIN/BLOOMBERG

Low-cost airline Jet Blue is giving customers two more inches of legroom.

These changes result from a seismic shift in the airline industry, as the financially struggling majors duke it out with discounters for a dwindling pool of travelers. What makes the battle at once bruising for airlines and perfect for penny-pinching passengers is that the Internet makes it so easy to compare fares.

Airlines, as a result, are forced to drop fares to the lowest common denominator. To survive, the majors, saddled with costs too high to afford these fares, are reducing flights and on-board service. The lean-operating low-fare airlines, flush with cash and hope, are "ordering new planes as fast as they can build them," says Terry Trippler of www.cheapseats.com — and adding a service perk or two. The result: The two sides of the industry are starting to meld.

Passengers stand to gain despite the temporary pain of lost pampering. "Eventually the whole industry will operate on a low-cost basis," says analyst Phil Roberts, making it possible to blend bargain fares with reasonable levels of service.

Until then, in their quest for a winning financial formula, the full service airlines will test our tolerance. JANE ENGLE (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

TURBULENCE AHEAD

Full service airlines are struggling to keep pace with their low-fare cousins.

→ Don't call airlines like Southwest and Air Tran "discount" carriers. Old school airlines like Delta, American and Northwest do most of the discounting to match the low fares of the "discounters," says airline industry analyst Phil Roberts.

→ While legacy airlines reduce flights and delay plane deliveries, Southwest has added 35 flights since January. (L.A. TIMES)

Online: Follow your favorite team this weekend. Trail the Orioles to Boston this Friday for $130. Find more last minute deals at washingtonpost.com/travel.

TRAVEL TALK

Live Online

The Washington Post travel section's **FLIGHT CREW** takes queries and comments online at washingtonpost.com/liveonline every Monday at 2 p.m.

My husband and I are heading up to New York City and we want to park in New Jersey. Is there a place where you can park your car, then take a shuttle or ferry over to Manhattan?

I'm a big fan of the New York Waterway ferries, which you can take from Weehauken and other ports not far off the Jersey Turnpike. Go to www.nywaterway.com for more details.

What do you think of Atlantic Coast's plan to start a low-fare airline based out of Dulles? Personally, I'm tired of driving to BWI to get the lowest fares.

Any time an airline says it wants to offer cheaper fares to more destinations, that's a good thing. I'm hoping that Atlantic Coast will offer cheap fares to destinations not served by other low-cost carriers. That seems to be the only way they'll make a go of this.

Do any of you know anything about the cabins for rent along the Appalachian Trail?

They are owned by the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, the group that maintains the Virginia to Pennsylvania stretch of the trail. The cabins are mostly rustic (no electricity or plumbing) but are solidly built and warmed by woodstoves. They're cheap and fun (my favorite is Jones Mountain, but that is hike-in only). Go to PATC.net for information on how to rent them.

What airlines fly to Jamaica from the D.C. area?

Air Jamaica flies nonstop from BWI to Montego Bay and offers the cheapest fares. United, US Airways, Delta and Continental offer connecting flights from Dulles. Northwest, US Airways, American, United and Continental offer connecting flights from Reagan National. Northwest, United and US Airways offer connecting service from BWI.

In Brief

MUSEUMS

Go Deeper Into the South

New Orleans' Ogden Museum of Southern Art opens its doors on Aug. 23. The inaugural exhibit, "The Story of the South: Art and Culture 1890 — 2003," assembles works from the region's agrarian roots, through World War I, the Depression and the Jazz Age, to the Civil Rights era and modern times. For more information: www.ogdenmuseum.org. (AP)

The Ogden Museum of Southern Art.

SLOPES

When Spain Freezes Over

Spain has always had great skiing in the Pyrenees, but now the winter sport is available year-round in the country's capital city. The 17-story-high Parque de Nieve is the centerpiece of an enormous new "shopping and leisure" center called the Madrid Xanadu. At 820 feet long, the slope is the largest indoor snow sports facility in Europe. For more information: www.madridxanadu.com. (AP)

AIRLINES

Seat Yourself, Please

Do you just have to have the bulkhead? Are you an exit row only kind of gal? Before you book your next plane tickets, decide where you want to sit online. Seat charts for all planes used by American, Continental, Delta, Northwest, United and US Airways are available at www.seatguru.com. (AP)

VACATIONS

Unemployed? Take a Break

The Club Getaway resort in Kent, Conn., is reserving six spots per weekend at $99 for the jobless who can prove their unemployment by faxing a pink slip, unemployment check or other proof. The usual rate is $299 for a summer camp-style weekend, complete with campfires and more. 800-GETAWAY or www.clubgetaway.com. (AP)

VULTURE TRAVEL

Hong Kong's Cheap If You're Not Squeamish About SARS

Travelocity and the Hong Kong Tourism Board are hoping to stimulate travel to Hong Kong with a series of two-for-one offers. The campaign will run through August and includes deals as low as $1,058 for two, including airfare and accommodations. For details on the promotion, visit www.travelocity.com/hongkong or call (800) 249-4302. (AP)

ANAT GIVON/AP

Post-SARS Hong Kong costs less.

Alarms Away

Shrill car sirens are hurting the ears of urban residents

The loudest audible automobile alarms register sound levels of 125 decibels — comparable to standing 200 feet from a jet airplane as it takes off. And yet, no reliable statistics suggest that car alarms actually do what they're supposed to: stop cars from being stolen.

While cheaper and more effective alternatives exist, alarms have become just one more way the fragile quality of life in urban areas is routinely being punctured. As a result, other kinds of alarms are ringing — those of discontent.

Earlier this month, the New York City Council held a public hearing on audible alarms to address two bills before council that would effectively ban their sale or installation within the city's five boroughs. This is at least the third time in five years that the city has tried to target the problem.

Special-interest groups also have been pushing for a ban. In its report, "Alarmingly Useless," released in March, bicycle and pedestrian group Transportation Alternatives accused alarm manufacturers of "basically putting a weapon on the street."

Alarms make up a part of the auto accessory market, which accounted for $27 billion in sales during 2002. Dozens of brands are available, many with aggressive names such as Viper and Rattler. They often come with equally aggressive slogans. Rattler's encourages owners to "secure your future in a hostile environment."

WR DUKE

Putting an end to the noise pollution these alarms cause is challenging. Unlike recurring false alarms from buildings, for which police can cite the owner, false auto alarm soundings are not easy to cite since cars can be moved.

Aggravating the problem, car owners often set their alarms to such sensitive levels that touching the car can set off the alarm (owners often use this feature to prevent people from sitting on their cars).

The industry defends their use, of course. "Unfortunately, far too many customers fail to customize their siren tones," says Kennedy Grammage of Directed, a major manufacturer of auto alarms. "If they did, they would realize, 'Oh, that's my car alarm going off.'"

TIM BLANGGER (ALLENTOWN MORNING CALL)

SHHHHH! QUIETER ALARM OPTIONS

The following alternatives are available for audible car alarms:

KILL SWITCHES: Cut off power from the battery to the rest of the car, making it all but impossible to start.

BEEPER-BASED SYSTEMS: Beep the car's owner directly when someone tampers with a door, trunk, hood, window or ignition.

ADDITIONAL LOCKS: Freeze important parts of the auto, such as the gear shift, emergency brake or floor brake, preventing thieves from driving away easily. (ALLENTOWN MORNING CALL)

NISSAN NORTH AMERICA

The 2004 Maxima has more power, more space and numerous luxury options.

Maxi Makeover

Nissan's redesigned Maxima is a sporty and stylish sedan

Larger, more powerful and more elegant, Nissan's new Maxima is a competitive and stylish mid-size entry, worth considering as an alternative to the more staid Toyota Camry, Honda Accord and Chevrolet Impala.

The 265-horsepower, 3.5-liter V-6 engine delivers smooth performance and strong acceleration. A new five-speed automatic transmission offers a manual shift mode. Variable-effort power steering also contributes to what is, overall, an enjoyable driving experience.

An eight-way power driver's seat offers good support in cornering. The "Skyview" roof — a fixed glass roof panel — is standard, and a true moonroof is available for $900.

Just a few complaints: A hair-trigger electronic throttle makes smooth starts difficult. And the taut suspension and hard, high-performance tires in the SE version provide a hard ride that some might find tiring on long trips.

The SE manual transmission model begins at $27,490, with freight. A highly equipped but more sedate SL version begins at $29,440 with freight, adding as standard equipment Xenon headlamps, heated seats, power adjustable passenger seat and an upgraded Bose audio system. A $3,500 options package for the SE adds some of these extra goodies.

TOM INCANTALUPO (NEWSDAY)

2004 NISSAN MAXIMA SE

ENGINE: 3.5-liter V-6, 265 horsepower
TRANSMISSION: Five-speed automatic, front-wheel drive
WEIGHT: 3,432 pounds
TRUNK: 15.5 cubic feet
SAFETY: Dual front, side and curtain-type air bags; 4-wheel disc brakes with antilock, electronic brake force distribution, fog lamps.
EPA MILEAGE RATING: 20 mpg city, 28 highway
PRICE AS DRIVEN: $31,040
(NEWSDAY)

WHO | WHAT | WHERE | WHEN | WHY

"... Other than a distressing lack of quality hair care products, things are fine in Middle Earth ...
... Brian DePalma's new film is a valentine to the two directors he loves most: Alfred Hitchcock and Brian DePalma ...
... It looks like a movie, it sounds like a movie, you see it in a movie theater, but it's not a movie. It's like a 2-1/2 hour preview ..."

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Cars

Ride With the Dogs

Animal seat belts and carriers keep pets safe in the car

Buckling up could save your life — and the lives of your furry friends, too.

Unrestrained animals in vehicles may suffer severe injury or death caused by automobile accidents or from leaping out of moving vehicles.

The pet seat belt is a fairly new product that has been marketed and supported by owners of pets that were or could have been severely injured in a car accident.

Pet seat belts restrain the animal in a harness that attaches directly into a regular car seat belt. They prevent the pet from distracting the driver and keep the pet restrained if the car stops suddenly or collides with another vehicle or object.

If your pets are used to riding in the car without a restraint, it may take them a little time to get used to the seat belt.

Today, many pet seat belts are made with a "booster" chair for smaller pets to sit on so they can see out the window.

Experts say pets should always be securely buckled in the back seat to avoid injury from air bags. Seat belts have also been made to restrain dogs in the backs of pickup trucks. The seat belts secure pets close enough to the cab to prevent them from jumping out, while still allowing movement.

Pet seat belts are not the only option to restrain and protect your pet. Crates are popular among many pet owners and provide adequate safety. But crates can be cumbersome with a large dog, multiple pets or a small vehicle.

Pet taxis are the smaller, softer relatives of the crate and may work better for cats, which generally do not like to be restrained and might also appreciate the privacy and protection they feel in their carriers. (KRT)

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7. Medium Red
8. Light Brown
9. Gold
10. Dark Red

TOP FIVE FULL / MIDSIZE COLORS:

1. Silver
2. White
3. Light Brown
4. Black
5. Medium / Dark Blue

TOP NON-SILVER LUXURY CAR COLOR: White metallic

TOP SUV / TRUCK / VAN COLOR: White

(CARS.COM)

Driving Green

Toyota's redesigned 2004 Prius is bigger, more powerful and more fuel efficient than the current version, but Toyota says the base price will remain unchanged at $20,480.

The new Prius, due to hit showrooms in October, is expected to see a 15 percent improvement in fuel economy — 55 miles per gallon versus 48 in combined city and highway driving — and to produce 30 percent less emissions. The mid-size '04 model should do zero to 60 mph in 10.5 seconds, versus 12.8 seconds for today's smaller, lighter compact model.

Toyota isn't sitting still with the Prius. It has already announced a hybrid version of the new Lexus RX 330, to be called the RX 400H, which is due next year as a 2005 model. And the Japanese automaker is talking about several more hybrids for the Toyota division, including a gas-electric version of the Highlander crossover sport utility.

Toyota insiders also say that other vehicles built on the Camry platform, including the popular Camry itself, are potentials for hybrid motors. JOHN O'DELL (L.A. TIMES)

BY THE NUMBERS: Minivan sales are down 17 percent over the last two years, prompting manufacturers to lure soccer moms with sportier styling (like red leather seats) and more horsepower. (WALL STREET JOURNAL)

Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

I JUST FINISHED LOOKING through your first issue of Express. As advertised, it took just one Metro trip to complete. The tabloid format is a real blessing on a crowded train, and the focus on short news stories and events coming up in the next few days is right-on.

—JOHN SAKERS
Baltimore, Md.

I LOVE EXPRESS! Just give me the quick and dirty about various topics and I'm happy. Express does just that. It's great easy reading, and I walk away feeling informed about current events and news. Most of all, I can read it on the Metro without the battle for space. Express is a great news alternative.

—WESLEY TAYLOR
Boyds, Md.

I REALLY LIKE EXPRESS and I am very glad that the Post is putting its substantial resources behind a publication of this nature. But I really don't like the fact that there's virtually no original writing. I think an abbreviated version of the local news and sports, with a Post byline and a teaser to the full Post story would work really well.

— JONATHAN TANNENWALD
Washington, D.C.

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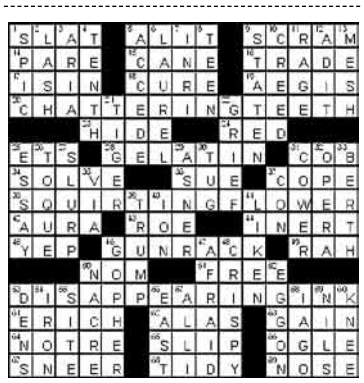

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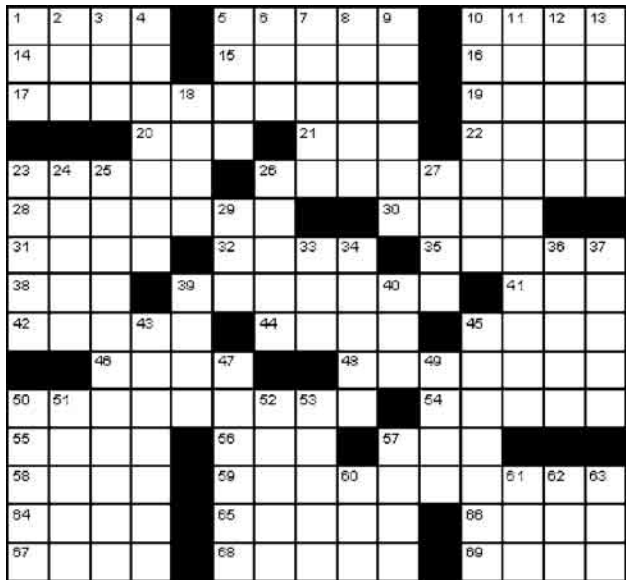

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21 Wee bit
22 "Ditto," in footnotes
23 Italian autos, familiarly
26 Where you might see Brownies with brownies
28 Like a famous falcon
30 Checkout nuisance
31 Orchestra member
32 Take in
35 Bulletin board necessities
38 This instant!
39 Subject of this puzzle
41 Dogg tracks
42 Avian diver
44 Truck stop sight
45 Yellow Brick Road follower
46 1990 pennant winner
48 Give Mom some time off
50 Powell or Rumsfeld
54 Church areas
55 "I told you so!"
56 Fish and chips follower, sometimes
57 Result of burnout?
58 Squabbling
59 Hippo
64 Unit of distance
65 Champion with a two-handed backhand
66 Toe the line
67 Means' justifiers
68 Rain result, on some fields
69 Charming

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1 Present decoration
2 Frank's second
3 Gnawing problem?
4 Lift
5 Display of grandeur
6 That vessel
7 Site of 1945 Big Three meeting
8 Speak hoarsely
9 "Hallelujah" chorus composer
10 Role for Harrison
11 Betray
12 WWI ace Rickenbacker
13 Does a farm job
18 Shine's partner
23 In the middle of
24 Blood, sweat and tears
25 Hippie
26 Wampum units
27 Venue
29 Bishop's bailiwick
33 66, e.g. (Abbr.)
34 "Anywhere else!" acronym
36 Couric of the news
37 Some are blind
39 Eliot's Adam
40 Woody's ex
43 Scolds
45 Pacific threat
47 Rubbernecked
49 Gala gathering
50 Ignominy
51 Cancel the reservations
52 One way to look
53 Make merry
57 Bohemian
60 Historical period
61 Possible result of a sacrifice
62 Not sweet, as wine
63 Peeper

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope | *Stella Wilder*

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Others may be following in your footsteps, so use extra care when following a more dangerous path than usual.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) —Entertain unusual notions, and do not shy away from those ideas that seem threatening. Danger offers rewards.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — This is a good day to give compliments freely and to offer practical assistance whenever you can. Cooperation can yield surprising results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Popularity may become a major issue, but you don't want to get caught up in a race for rewards with no real value.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — The more specific you are in your desires, the more likely you are to receive what you want -- particularly in a personal vein.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Now is not the time to alter your plans, your tactics or your lifestyle for any reason. Self-discipline is the key to success — still.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Someone is bound to make you an offer you cannot refuse—but you must take time to consider the pros and cons. Are you fully prepared?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Open yourself up to the unknown and you will be rewarded in ways you had not imagined. An adventure is in the making, and it's almost time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) —Events from your past are in the spotlight once again. You may find yourself caught between two conflicting desires at home or at work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) —It may be up to you to settle a long-term dispute between two friends. You must strive to be fair and objective at all times.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) —A lesson you've been trying to learn for some time may prove all the more elusive because you are allowing yourself to be distracted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Overdo it and you'll be in no condition to tackle a challenge that comes your way tomorrow — and you must certainly be ready.

VIOLENCE IN COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

Live Online

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

LUIS CARDONA, community activist and member of Mayor Williams' Juvenile Justice Advisory Group and Police Chief Charles Ramsey's Citizens Advisory Council, was online Tuesday, Aug. 5, discussing street gangs and the upsurge of violence in the Columbia Heights area.

What do you propose to do for kids, whether Latino, Hispanic, black, white, whatever — who aren't "cutting it" as you put it? When I grew up, there were kids who couldn't cut it, maybe due to a language barrier, maybe due to laziness ... but they didn't go out and kill people.

My response is just being there for them and supporting them so they can make better decisions in life for themselves.

What needs to change in our city so that youth have hope and feel a sense of identity and possibility outside of gangs?

We need to figure out how we create safe havens for young people where they feel welcomed and respected as well as a feeling of belonging within a more general mainstream community process. To get to this point requires us as a society to really be flexible and build relationships with the young people who need it the most.

Is the area safe for patrons of local businesses? I know that I often like to go to the Adams Morgan area for dinner and such. Is this not a wise thing to do?

Of course, you should keep coming to Adams Morgan. As a person who's been entrenched in all this stuff that's been going on for years, I'll make it plain: Other than isolated incidents of mugging or something else, the culprits in these crimes are not targeting patrons. They know who they want to get.

Today on Live Online:
11:30 A.M. Michael Medved, film critic, will discuss "The Passion," the Mel Gibson-directed movie about the last 12 days of Christ and the crucifixion.
NOON Got Plans? With Kids. The Entertainment Guide staff share their best bets for arts and entertainment options for kids and their families.

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TELEVISION

'Queer' Eyes Leno

"Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" is turning its gaze toward **JAY LENO**. The host of NBC's "The Tonight Show" will undergo a makeover at the hands of the "Fab 5" — the five gay stylists who give a straight man a new look each week on the hit reality show. They're scheduled to appear on Leno's late-night talk show Aug. 14; then they'll come back the next night to show off the results of their work. Leno's set also will get a new look, Variety reported. (AP)

HEARSAY | QUIPS

"'Who Let the Dogs Out' is better than all the songs Ms. Dion has recorded, put together."

—STEPHEN KING
ON CELINE DION'S RECORDING CAREER

ANDREW MEDICHINI/AP

You won't see much more of Cameron.

CELEBRITY

Judge Slaps a Wrapper On Diaz's Naughty Shots

Photographs of **CAMERON DIAZ** taken at a private modeling session about a decade ago, before she was a star, were ordered sealed by a judge. Judge Alan Haber ordered the photos and a videotape sealed Monday, saying Diaz has a right to privacy of her own body. Lawyers for the 30-year-old actress wouldn't discuss the contents of the videotape, but reaffirmed that Diaz didn't sign a photo release, and said a release produced by the photographer is a forgery. (AP)

MUSIC

Who's So Vain?

CARLY SIMON will finally reveal who's so vain to a man with major connections in the media world. But Dick Ebersol, chairman of NBC sports and NBC Olympics, said he'll never tell once Simon divulges to him the subject of her 1972 song "You're So Vain" after a private performance in about two weeks. The chief suspects: Warren Beatty, Mick Jagger and ex-husband James Taylor. (AP)

EVAN AGOSTINI/AFP/GETTY

MUSIC

Knight Called Likely Target Of Entourage Shootings

AP

Investigators believe the shootings of people with close ties to rap mogul **MARION "SUGE" KNIGHT** were designed to get at Knight himself. In the most recent slaying, shooters ambushed Wardell "Poochie" Fouse, a Knight confidant, in July. Previous victims include Knight's best friend and chief bodyguard. Knight, 37, has said he doesn't believe anyone is after him. He was recently sentenced to 10 months in prison for striking a Hollywood nightclub valet. (AP)

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Sick Mick Cancels Show

The Rolling Stones suspended a concert in Benidorm, Spain, after 60-year-old lead singer **MICK JAGGER** fell ill with laryngitis, organizers said Tuesday. The concert set for later in the day was part of the Stones' "Forty Licks" tour and had been expected to attract some 30,000 spectators at the Foeits Sports Stadium. Spain's private news agency Europa Press said the concert would be rescheduled for Sept. 19. The Stones have already played sold-out shows in Madrid, Barcelona and Bilbao in Spain as part of the tour. (AP)

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Spaniards can't get no satisfaction.

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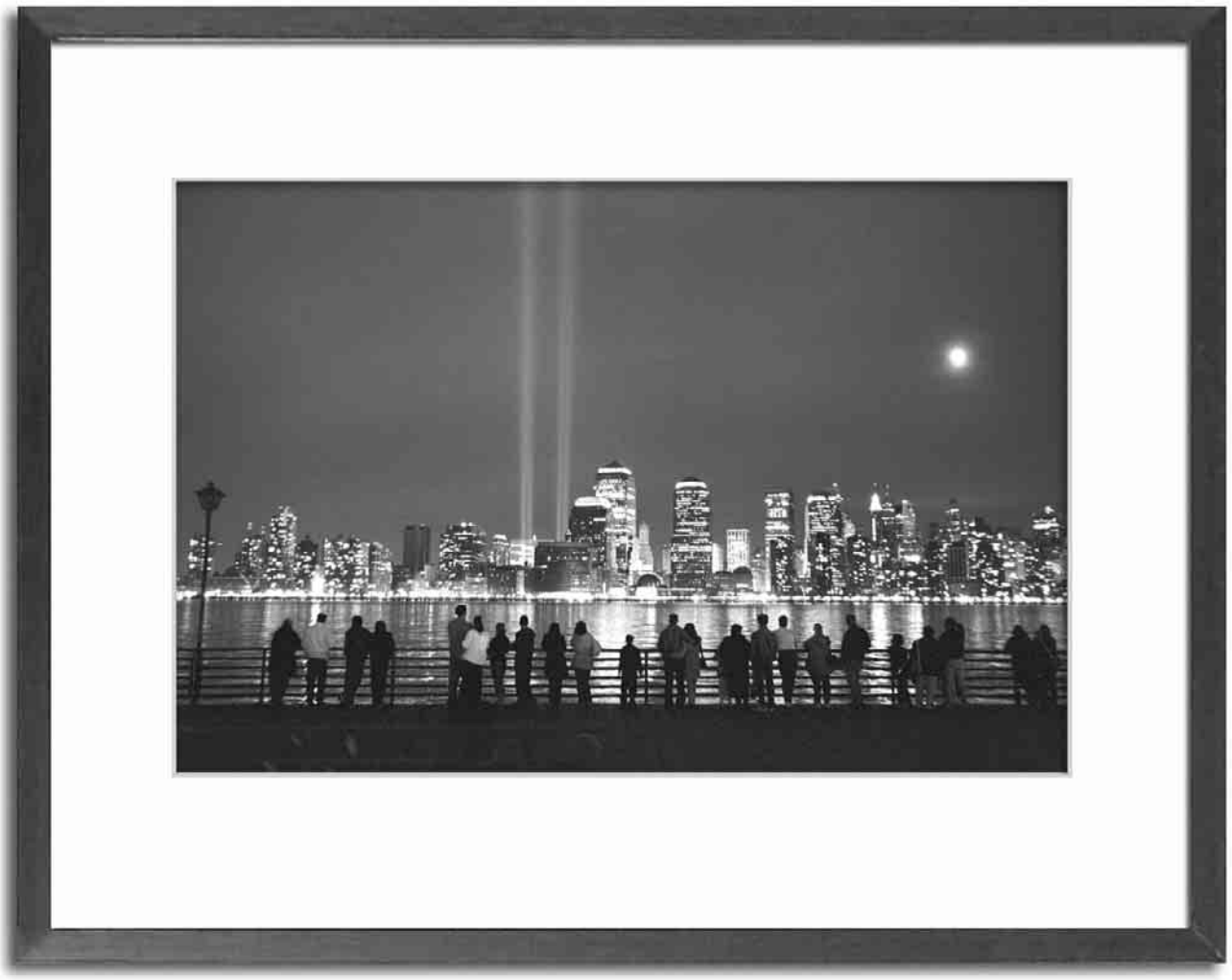

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